

AGC of *Kentucky/KY-OSH CHASE Partnership*

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Construction Health and Safety Excellence

AGC/OSHA National Partnership

The AGC of America and the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) strongly agree on the need to develop a working relationship to provide a safe work environment in the construction industry.

The Construction Health and Safety Excellence (CHASE) Partnership program was signed on January 9, 2001. This program is a template that can be used by each AGC Chapter to formulate an agreement with their respective OSHA Area and Regional Offices

AGC of Kentucky /KY-OSH Partnership

Building upon the Federal OSHA partnership, on February 10, 2003 the AGC of Kentucky and the Kentucky Occupational Safety & Health Program (KY-OSH) signed a similar partnership agreement. To advance our mutual goal, we strongly agreed on the need to develop a working relationship that creates mutual trust and respect for the roles of each organization in the construction safety process.

Program Expectations

The AGC of Kentucky and the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Occupational Safety & Health Program (KY-OSH) mutually recognize the importance of providing a safe and healthful work environment in the construction industry. To advance our mutual goal, we agree on the need to develop a partnership that fosters mutual trust and respect for the respective roles of each organization in the construction safety process. We recognize and embrace the responsibilities inherent in those roles. We are committed to work as partners to achieve construction workplace safety through shared strategies and objectives.

Achievement Levels

RED: Applicants seeking Red status must meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Develop and implement a written safety and health program that addresses those hazards that are the four leading causes of death on construction sites (falls, struck-by, caught in/between and electrocutions) inclusive of a 6 ft. fall protection program;
- 2.) Conduct and document weekly employee safety meetings;
- 3.) Conduct and document self-audits.

WHITE: Applicants seeking WHITE status must meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Implement a comprehensive written safety and health program based on the ANSI A10.38-1991 Guidelines or OSHA's 1989 Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines inclusive of a 6 ft. fall protection program;
- 2.) Assign at least one trained employee or other qualified person with responsibility for employee safety to administer the participants safety and health program and to conduct documented safety and health inspections of ongoing work; training completed in the OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety & Health course or equivalent will be deemed satisfactory for these assigned individuals;
- 3.) Conduct and document an orientation for all new employees in the safety and health

program of the company, and show evidence of effective employee training for avoidance of hazards specific to the contractor's work site(s);

- 4.) Conduct and document weekly employee safety meetings;
- 5.) Conduct and document self-audits;
- 6.) Show evidence of employee involvement in the safety and health program; for example, participation in self-audits, site inspections, job hazard analysis, safety and health program reviews, safety training, and mishap investigations;
- 7.) Develop and maintain a Substance Abuse Program;
- 8.) Provide all field construction supervisory personnel (all those with direct supervision of tradesmen) with training equivalent to the OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety & Health Course;
- 9.) Maintain a total case injury/illness incident rate that is "at or below" the most current Bureau of Labor Statistics national rate for the participants specific standard industrial classification.

BLUE: Applicants seeking Blue Status must meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Implement a comprehensive written safety and health program based on the ANSI A10.38-1991 Guidelines or OSHA 1989 Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines inclusive of a 6 ft. fall protection program where participants require and enforce the use of conventional fall protection [i.e. personal fall arrest systems, safety net systems or guardrail systems (as defined within 29 CFR 1926.502)] in all instances when their employees or sub-contractor employees are performing work that is in excess of 6 ft. above a lower level. Ensure that written, site-specific safety and health plans are used by all contractors on their project.
- 2.) Applicants achieving blue status agree to serve as a mentor for contractors on their project who have yet to attain the same level of recognition within the partnership. Blue participant companies will agree to maintain a copy of the specialty contractor's safety and health plan, hazard communication plan and fall protection plan, or the Blue participant could require all specialty contractors to follow its plan(s);
- 3.) Assign a minimum of one employee or one qualified person who will administer the firm's safety and health program. This person must have completed the OSHA 10Hour Construction Safety & Health Course or equivalent in the previous three years;
- 4.) Ensure designated personnel conduct documented safety and health inspections of all work on their project(s). Personnel, through training and experience, must be able to recognize hazards and will have the authority to take prompt corrective action. Training curriculum equivalent to the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Outreach Course acquired within a 3 year period will be deemed to be satisfactory;
- 5.) Train all field construction supervisory personnel. In addition to OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety & Health Course, additional training will be provided for competent persons in such areas as Scaffolding, Excavation, Fall Protection, etc. (this additional training will be predicated by the type and scope of work the applicant routinely conducts);
- 6.) Provide a safety and health program orientation for all new employees and show evidence of employee training for avoidance of hazards specific to the contractor's work site(s);
- 7.) Conduct and document weekly employee safety meetings;
- 8.) Conduct and document self-audits as prescribed;
- 9.) Develop and maintain a Substance Abuse Program;

- 10.) Maintain a total case injury/illness incident rate that is 10% less than the most current Bureau of Labor Statistics national rate for the participant's specific standard industrial classification.
- 11.) Receive a qualifying inspection of at least one representative job site by the AGC of Kentucky, Inc., safety committee or their designated representative;
- 12.) Have no willful violations in the last three years;
- 13.) Have no repeated serious violations in the last three years; and
- 14.) Have no fatalities or catastrophes within the last three years that resulted in serious or willful citations related to the incident; or any current open or pending investigations with the KY -OSH Compliance Division involving fatal or catastrophic incidents

Incentives

Upon acceptance as a partnership participant, the AGC/KY-OSH CHASE Program will provide certain incentives to participants.

A. **RED** Participants:

- 1) Will not receive citations for non-serious violations, provided that the hazards are abated within a prescribed period of time.

B. **WHITE** Participants:

- 1) Will be given special Certificates of Recognition from KY -OSH and the AGC of Kentucky, Inc. designating the contractor as a participant in the CHASE Program;
- 2) Will not receive citations for non-serious violations, provided that the hazards are abated within a prescribed period of time;
- 3) Will be given the maximum good faith penalty reductions currently available in current KY-OSH policy.

C. **BLUE** Participants:

After the successful conclusion of a KY-OSH verification inspection, KY-OSH will provide the following incentives:

- 1) Will be given special Certificates of Recognition from KY -OSH and the AGC of Kentucky, Inc. designating the contractor as a participant in the CHASE Program;
- 2) BLUE participant job sites within the Commonwealth of Kentucky jurisdiction will **not** receive a programmed inspection within the next twelve months;
- 3) BLUE participants will receive unprogrammed inspections only in response to reports of imminent danger, fatalities/catastrophes, and formal complaints .. When an inspection of a non-formal complaint is deemed necessary, a copy of the complaint will be provided to the participant's Safety Director or other designated representative at the time of inspection;
- 4) KY -OSH will not issue citations for non-serious violations provided the violations are abated at the time of the inspection;
- 5) If cited by KY-OSH, BLUE participants will receive the maximum good

faith and history penalty reductions currently available under existing KY-OSH policy;

- 6) During a KY-OSH inspection, BLUE participants whose program has previously been verified by KY-OSH (Division of Education & Training) will not be included in the inspection unless the Compliance Officer documents that the participant is responsible for any employee exposures to serious hazards such as falls, stuck-by, caught in/between, or electrocution hazards.

How to Apply for the CHASE Program

Information on how to apply for the CHASE Program can be directed to **Ronnie Perkins** at 502-564-3070 ext. 451 or by e-mail at Ronnie.Perkins@ky.gov